

**HURRICANE HARVEY
EMERGENCY GUIDANCE REGARDING PROFESSIONAL
AND BUSINESS LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION RENEWAL
APPLICATIONS
IN TEXAS COUNTIES UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S DISASTER
DECLARATION**

GUIDANCE DATE: September 13, 2017

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Office of the Governor temporarily suspended all necessary DSHS statutes and rules pertaining to professional and business license or certification renewal applications, including the suspension of any late fees related to renewal for a period not to exceed 90 days for those programs that are listed below.

The effects of this suspension are to:

- 1) Waive any required late fees related to renewal for a period not to exceed 90 days; and
- 2) Extend the term of any professional and business license listed below for a period of not more than 90 days to allow license/certificate holders affected by Hurricane Harvey time to submit the appropriate documentation and renewal fee.

The Declaration is for:

Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, Sabine, San Patricio, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, and Wilson.

This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the Hurricane Harvey disaster declaration is lifted or expires, whichever comes first.

Health and Safety (Response)	Recovery	Economic Recovery
		Certified Food Manager
Abusable Volatile Chemicals	Asbestos	Laser Hair*
Drug Manufacturing and Distribution		
EMS Providers	EMS technicians Waiver includes Skills Verification for late renewals	Seafood and Aquatic Life (Oyster and Shellfish processors)
Hazardous Products		
Mammography	Food Salvage	Tattoo and Body Piercing
Medical Devices	Lead	
	Manufactured Foods	
Radioactive Materials	Meat Slaughter and Processing	
X-ray	Milk and Dairy, including tanker registrations	
	Mold*	
	Retail Food	

* Transfers to TDLR on 11/1/17

The current status of a license may also be verified online at
<https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us>